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# GOT ICE FOR THE WATER BUCKET

From Sch. Quannapowit Which Had a  
Modus Vivendi License.

## Capt. Butler Says For This The Heckman Was Seized.

The sch. Hattie A. Heckman of this port, seized last Monday at Shelburne for an alleged infraction of the fisheries in having purchased ice without a license is still in the hands of the Nova Scotia authorities, and is tied up at McGill's wharf in charge of Collector of customs Charles W. Atwood who has placed a mar. on board.

The latest particulars to be received here of the affair are gleaned from newspaper reports. The Coast Guard gives the following account of the affair:

"The Gloucester fishing schooner Hattie Heckman, Captain Everett Butler, which entered at the customs at Sandy Point on the 10th of July and in harbor since that date owing to bad weather conditions, was seized on Monday by Captain Barkhouse of the Petrel for violation of the customs laws.

"The alleged offence is the buying of

ice and other supplies without a license.

"Captain Butler reports that his brother, Captain Freeman Butler, of the schooner Quannapowit, who had a license, purchased ice from Captain John Thornburn of Sandy Point, and while delivering the ice was hailed by one of the crew of the Hattie Heckman, who asked him for a piece for the drinking bucket. This was given, and Captain Butler declares that this was the sole offence.

"Customs Officer Morison has another story. He reported the offence to custom officer Atwood at Shelburne, who directed the investigation by the Petrel.

"The result was the seizure of the vessel, which was brought to Shelburne.

"Mr. Ward Fisher, Fishery Inspector has been directed to take proceedings for the condemnation of the Hattie Heckman."

The owners of the craft had received no additional particulars on the situation up to noon today.

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# ONE HALIBUT TRIP IN HERE.

GASOLINE FLEET LANDED NO BAIT FISH OR POLLOCK THIS MORNING.

Sch. Elsie arrived here yesterday afternoon from halibuting, Capt. Downey having 12,000 pounds of halibut, 55,000 pounds of fresh fish and 8000 pounds of salt cod secured on Emerald Bank.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, Capt. Augustus G. Hall, is here from Portland after disposing of her halibut fare there yesterday, bringing over 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 20,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart which arrived at Boston yesterday afternoon did not take out her fare there but brought her trip here to split.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Elsie, Emerald Bank, 12,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish, 8000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, via Portland, 20,000 lbs. salt fish, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Electric Flash, seining.

Str. Lois H. Corkum, seining.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.

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Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, Cape Porpoise.

Sch. Florida, swordfishing.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, swordfishing.

Sch. Jubilee, Georges handling.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.87½; snappers, \$2.00.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50; snappers \$2.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$2.87½; snappers, \$2.00.

Dory handline codfish, large, \$3.50; medium, \$3.12 1-2; snappers, \$2.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12½; mediums, \$3.50.

Drift codfish, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.37½.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers \$1.25.

Hake, \$1.25.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$11 per barrel.

Fledged halibut, 8 cts. per lb.

### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 70c per cwt.

Peak and Cape North cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.65; snappers 75c.

All codfish not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, 70c.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; medium, \$1.00; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock 80c. round 70c.

Bank halibut 8 1-2c per lb. for white 6 1-4 cents for gray, and 4 cents for chicken.

Fresh mackerel, 30c for large, 20c for medium.

Fresh shad, \$3.50 per bbl., fresh; \$2.50 per bbl., to salt; \$3 per bbl., to freezer.

Fresh bluebacks \$2.50 per bbl.

Fresh porgies, \$1.25 per bbl. for bait; 75c per bbl. for oil.

Fresh herring, \$1.50 per bbl. to freezer; \$2.50 per bbl. for bait.

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# NOBODY SEEMS TO WANT FISH.

T WHARF DEALERS OFFERED ONLY 80 CENTS FOR HAD. DOCK THIS MORNING.

T wharf was a pretty quiet place this morning as far as any business going on in the line of fresh fish, one shore craft and a swordfisherman coming in.

Yesterday afternoon, sch. Mary P. Goulart came in with 60,000 pounds but the fare was sent down here to split, on account of the quiet market. There were also two swordfish arrivals there during the afternoon with 109 fish between them.

Haddock left over from yesterday sold at 80 cents a hundred pounds. A few cod sold this morning at \$5, hake \$2, pollock \$3 and cusk \$1.50. Swordfish sales were quoted at 10 cents a pound.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 600 cod, 100 hake, 100 cusk, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Sakuntala, 72 swordfish.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1500 halibut.

Sch. Julietta, 54 swordfish.

Sloop On Time, 54 swordfish.

Haddock, 80 cts.; per cwt.; cod, \$5.

hake, \$2; pollock, \$3; cusk, \$1.50; swordfish, 10 cts. per lb.

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## Portland Fish Notes.

Just at present, the Portland cold storage plants dealing in bait have about all they want. Their bins are not full, but the freezing flakes are nearly so. As soon as the bluebacks have become solid enough to store away, then there will be more received. But the managers of the plants are in no hurry to get them. Bait has been plentiful this year and it has been of the best possible kind.

Another good lot of bluebacks was brought in Thursday. The trips reported were the steamer Elthier with 80 barrels; the sloop North Star with 99 barrels; the gasoline steamer Alice and the E. N. Brown, both with bluebacks. The bait fish are said to be very plentiful off the port at this time, and a number of the seiners are out after them.

Three small trips of halibut were brought in to Portland Thursday, after the vessels had been out a few days. The Watauga came from near Cashes with 6000 pounds of halibut and 3000 pounds of cod; the Mary E. Sennett from the same place with 3000 pounds of halibut and 4000 pounds of cod, and the Carrie C. from Georges with 5000 pounds of halibut. All three craft will bait again and return to the grounds.

## Lockport, N. S., Fish Notes.

The vessels did very well last week according to the weather. The Mariana had 17,000, the Lizzie A., 20,000, the Julie Opp, 22,000, Lulu S., 12,000, Togo, 15,000 R. L. McKenzie, 18,000 and Buema, 20,000. The crew are unable to share much as the price is very low at present. Capt. Alex Blades has command of the Lizzie A. and Capt. Job Penny has command of the Lulu S. Capt. Austin Penney, the former skipper of the Lizzie A. has gone for another vessel to fish from this port.

## Look for Good Season.

Indications point to a good swordfish harvest by Nova Scotian fishermen. They have also been found off Nova Scotia during the past few days, but only a few have so far been brought into Halifax. It is thought, however, that productive fishing along this line will be in progress along our coast within a very short time.

## Back on the Job.

Lightship 86, which has been undergoing repairs at East Boston, left Saturday for her station on Great Round shoals. Relief Station 66, which has been on the shoals in place of the regular lightship, will go to New Bedford to take on supplies preparatory to going on the station of Lightship 85 on Nantucket shoal.

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## Nova Scotia Fish News.

Fishing here this season has been an absolute failure. Last year was almost a record breaker in this line of industry, especially for fishermen that had boats large enough for outside fishing.

Last fall the local fishing fleet was greatly added to, numbering now about thirteen sail ranging in tonnage from 10 to 14 tons, and they are all doing nothing. The oldest resident in the harbor never knew fish of all kinds to be so scarce as they have been this summer.

Dogfish (commonly called the fishermen's curse) are more plentiful than ever, although one fisherman of this place found them so plentiful at one time some years ago that he had to take his oar and whirl a hole down through them to get his fishing line to bottom.

Now, with those boats above mentioned and all the small boats of the place, together with seven or eight coasting vessels sailing from St. Margaret's Bay to Halifax, there is not a fog signal of any description to guide them into port. The fishermen along these shores, nine-tenths of whom helped to sustain the present government, are anxiously looking for the coming of an automatic whistling buoy to be placed off Pegg's Point as a guide to the entrance of Margaret's Bay.

## Caplin Catchers Drowned.

Mark and Edward Beckford, brothers, aged 21 and 31, respectively, of Lance Cove, Bell Island, were drowned this week near the north side of Bell Island, about 30 yards from the shore. Both were married, the younger a few weeks ago, while the latter leaves a widow and three children. The men were employees of the D. I. S. Co. at Bell Island, and Saturday remained from work to visit the fishing grounds to procure caplin to manure the gardens. They left in a small flat bottom boat, and quickly loaded her with the fishes. Returning, they kept close to the land, and while rowing along the boat struck a rock and capsized. The younger brother sank immediately, while the other managed to cling to the rock. He remained for a few seconds in this position, and then was seen to dive into the sea, evidently to rescue his brother, but after a short struggle he was seen to sink and rise no more.

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# KLONDIKE FOR SMALL BOATS.

THEY ARE MAKING BIG MONEY CATCHING MACKEREL OUT AROUND NOMAN'S.

Advices to the Times from its New York correspondent states that the small mackerel boats are doing well and are making a big dollar in the business.

The high liner of the week is Capt. Henry Monson of the sloop Alice who has landed 127 barrels of fish in four days, giving the craft a net stock of \$913 and the crew of four men, \$170 each as their share. Some of the other crafts will share over \$100 for the same period.

Sloop Thomas Condon stocked since last Saturday about \$900, and the crew's share is \$166.30 to a man. Capt. Austin Peterson, commander of the craft is keeping up the reputation of the Gloucester fishermen and has excellent chances of making a nice stock before the season is over.

Sloop Alice is also close upon the heels of the Alice and Condon and the craft will share considerably over \$100 to a man for this week's work, with prospects bright for continued success for some time yet to come.

There is a large body of these small fish all around No Man's Land, and the prospects for the small boats are good, but there is nothing doing for big vessels.

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## QUEER BAIT.

Portuguese Fishermen Use Natural Phosphorescent Substance.

Fishermen of Cezimbo, Portugal, catch fish by the use of a natural phosphorescent substance. This is obtained from a fish known as Malacocephalus laevis and is a thick yellowish fluid which possesses a bluish phosphorescence in the dark, believed to be due to the presence of a luminous microbe. The fishermen rub this substance upon a muscular tissue, such as a piece of cuttlefish, and this is used as bait. The light appears to last for a long time at least for several hours and has a brighter glow when dipped in the sea. Fish are attracted to the bait by the light and are easily caught.

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## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Terra Nova was at Sandy Point a week ago yesterday for bait, but failing to secure any there, the craft left for Mud Island.

Sch. Quannapowit was at Sandy Point recently for harbor, afterwards proceeding to Liscomb Ridges.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara was also recently at Sandy Point.

## Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Elsie was purchased by the American Halibut Company at 8½ cents for white, 6½ cents for gray and 4 cents for chicken.